

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016

Presiding: Mayor David D. Ogden  
Meeting Convened at 6:35 p.m.  
Prayer: Matt Garner  
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor David D. Ogden; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Councilmen Bruce King, Matt Garner, and Bruce Arnell; Chairman Brent Barrus of the Planning and Zoning Commission; Citizens Paul Jeppson and Bert McLaughlin. Councilman Joe Cherrington was excused.

Mayor Ogden asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 28, 2016. Each councilman had a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. Forsgren Associates Project Manager Randall Johnson submitted changes to item "Water Study Final Draft" which the council adopted. The changes clarified scope and improvements needed of the study. It was moved by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Garner to accept the minutes with the change; motion carried.

Mayor Ogden asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the work meeting held on August 4, 2016. Each councilman had a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilman Arnell and seconded by Councilman Garner to accept the minutes; motion carried.

**RECONCILIATION REPORTS:** Wendy presented the July reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Arnell to accept the July reconciliation reports for the General Fund; motion carried. Wendy presented the July reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilman Arnell and seconded by Councilman Garner to accept the July reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Wendy presented the current bills in the amount of \$129,360.72. It was moved by Councilman Arnell and seconded by Councilman Garner to pay the current bills, together with all regular August bills; motion carried.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REPORT:** Commissioner Brent Barrus reported the commission did meet last week but no decisions were made due to lack of a quorum. Mike Stears brought questions to those present of a possible commercial development idea to the vacant Sugar City Market building and lot. The commission will invite Mr. Stears back to their next commission meeting on August 18 to discuss possibilities. Three 4-plexes and a 50s restaurant featuring classic cars are some ideas being discussed.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET ADOPTION REPORT:** The council adopted a tentative budget at the work meeting on August 4. A public hearing is scheduled for August 25. The tentative budget

includes several fee increases. An increase to water rates is proposed. The mayor has written a letter to the residents discussing the reasons for the increase and will make it available on the web site and at the city office. The public will be encouraged to come to the public hearing to voice concerns and ideas.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Councilman King presented a mission statement to the council to consider. The mission statement came directly from the Comprehensive Plan; however, some minor changes were discussed to which the council could not agree on. The mission statement was then tabled.

**PARK USAGE FEE AND POSSIBLE INCREASE:** The council is recommending that there be no charge for residents who have fewer than 25 people in their group. An increase in the park usage fee from \$15 to \$50 for Sugar City residents will be charged for groups of 25 or more individuals. This is to help cover the cost of usage, including garbage and sewage, in the parks. There will also be a security deposit of \$50 to be returned in the event there is no cleanup required by the city.

**PERMIT FEE FOR INSTALLATION/RENOVATION OF BACKFLOW DEVICES:** The council is recommending a \$25 permit fee for new sprinkler systems. This will cover the costs of the city's inspection. For sprinkler systems that are already installed or new renovations a report from a certified backflow operator will be required along with the permit fee. The city will waive the permit fee for those who don't have backflow devices during the first year (till 9/30/17) to encourage state and city compliance.

**FEMA FLOOD PLAIN CHANGES:** The city received FEMA flood plain maps of Sugar City and the surrounding area from Brent McFadden, Madison County Planning and Zoning Administrator. He has been attending flood plain training meetings. FEMA recently resurveyed the area and updated their maps. However, the city has two revision letters from FEMA dated at the turn of the century that takes the city out of the flood plain – anything West of 7<sup>th</sup> East. The city will pursue the matter with FEMA and ensure the maps reflect the revisions accepted by FEMA. Otherwise all residents south of Center Street would pay much higher insurance rates for flood protection.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

##### **COUNCILMAN ARNELL:**

**Well #1:** Well #1 has been videotaped. The footage shows the well depth at 174 feet. The casing ends at about 60 feet. The casing perforations are somewhat blocked and the hole drilled through the rock below the casing is curved making it difficult to drop the pump deeper into the well. The perforations cannot be re-opened or re-cased. A bigger pump could temporarily fix the situation until a new well could be drilled. The pump could then be used in the new well.

**COUNCILMAN KING:** No report.

**COUNCILMAN GARNER:** No report.

**COUNCILMAN CHERRINGTON:** Excused

#### **MAYOR'S BUSINESS:**

**Fertile Peat Ribbon Cutting Report:** Mayor Ogden reported that the ribbon cutting has been moved back to September 13 or possible to October to give the plant time to be up and running.

**Apostolic Assembly Church Hook-up Report:** The Apostolic Assembly Church will hook into

the city's sewer system through Salt Lake Express. They have paid all the impact fees and meter expenses and should be up and running with the next couple of weeks. The city will require annexation at some point in the future.

**ADA Ramp Update Report:** Hill and Sons have completed four ADA ramps so far and plan on doing four more next week. The sidewalk ramps look nice.

**Silver Star Communications:** A memorandum of understanding that Silver Star will enter into a franchise agreement with the city has been agreed upon. The city is waiting on signatures and a performance bond from Silver Star and then they can begin installation of their fiber optic cable to SunGlow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
David D. Ogden, Mayor

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy McLaughlin, Clerk-Treasurer